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He left the beautiful home never expecting to return. When the news came to the poor mother's ear that her son, her dearest son, had been shot as a deserter, then it should have been the province of the warrior loaded with glory, to have tried to cheer that heart! He could have whispered in the ear of the stricken one, of the glory surrounding a soldier's death!—of the pleasure of plunging the steel into the breast of a foe?—and how sweetly a soldier sleeps in his lonely grave!—But could he have dried that fount of tears? Tear a vein from a mother's heart, and can you prevent its bleeding? Man's sorrow is not like woman's. It bursts upon him, as a thunder storm upon the quiet valley. Soon it is all sunshine again. But Time must work long before he extinguishes sorrow from a mother's heart.

Mothers in Israel! Can you not sympathize with that bleeding heart? If so, let your prayers,—a mighty petition—go up to Almighty God, asking for the downfall of that cruel tyrant, who deals in the muscles and blood of men, who blights the joyful heart, trafficks in a mother's tears, WAR!

And can a father, or sister withhold their prayers? Be careful, father, how you withhold those prayers! God may yet doom your son to die a deserter's death!

And kind sister, when you gaze upon a brother you love, think how you would feel to have that brother shot, simply because he came home to see *you*!—and when you think, let your silver-toned voice speak to our Kind Father that he will hasten the time when war shall be no more.

Avon, Ct. Jan. 1846.

MISCELLANY.

LAURELS. These are wreaths of weeds or green leaves wound around the brows of a murderer who has girdled a vast country with a river of blood.

PATRIOTISM. No one is ever called a *patriot* who gives his substance and his body to be burned or bruised in his efforts to relieve his country from the tyranny of vice, ignorance and moral degradation. Such are mere *fanatics*. A patriot is generally one who boasts how much of his country's blood he would see shed to wash out an insult.

THE WORD OF LIFE AND THE WORD OF DEATH. The Christian people in the United States gave \$166,000 for the distribution of the Word of Life to the destitute, during the past year. This Christian Government contracted for 195,000 dollars' worth of *pistols* the same year.